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Air Force medics to take control of combat hospital

Staff Sgt. Jason Lake

332nd Public Affairs

Very soon Airmen and Soldiers with emergency medical needs will be visiting the Air Force Theater Hospital while deployed to the area of responsibility.

Recently Central Command Air Forces announced that by Sept. 20, Air Force medics will take control of the base hospital, formerly known as the 31st Combat Support Hospital.

The decision to transfer control to the Air Force came earlier this year during a joint staff medical planner's conference in Washington, according to Master Sgt. Don Buford, CENTAF's NCO-in-charge of medical operations.

The transfer, which is similar to another operation in Kuwait involving Navy medics, should reduce the workload on the Army medical staff.

Sergeant Buford said medics from the 59th Medical Wing at Wilford Hall Medical Center will be the largest group of Airmen to take part in the historical swap out.

"This will be the first time the Air Force takes over control of an Army hospital," Sergeant Buford said. "This also is the first time the Air Force and a sister service have transferred equipment of this

magnitude."

For the past two weeks CENTAF medical officials have been taking inventory of medical equipment and preparing for the transfer between the Army and Air Force medical staff.

Over the next two weeks, Air Force medics deploying as part of Air Expeditionary Force 1 and 2 will rotate into the former Army positions, Sergeant Buford said. Once in place, the Air Force medics will start off by observing their Army counterparts.

"At first the Air Force will watch the Army do (the mission) for the first few days," Sergeant Buford said. "Then the Air Force will do the work while the Army watches for a few days."

Besides a name change, the Air Force Theater Hospital will also add a few services for its users.

"The hospital will have a new operating room to perform neurological, eye and maxillofacial surgical services that were traditionally done in Baghdad," said Maj. Jerome Wizda, CENTAF's chief of medical operations. "The Air Force Theater Hospital will basically become the surgical trauma hub for Iraq."

CENTAF officials said the hospital manpower would expand from around 80 people

Some gave all, all gave some



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Ryan Hansen

Staff Sgt. Corey Carter, 1058th Air Expeditionary Force Truck Company (732nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron Detachment 2), is presented a Purple Heart by Col. Blair E. Hansen, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing commander, Sunday at the 332nd AEW Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility. Sergeant Carter was in the lead gun truck on a convoy near Tikrit when a car bomb exploded hitting him with shrapnel earlier Sunday. He was medically airlifted to the staging facility where he was given treatment.

currently to around 300 by the time the changeover is complete.

However, Major Wizda said Air Force medics will not be the only military branch to

staff the expanded hospital. Approximately 30 Army medics will remain while another 20 Australian personnel will work at the hospital after the transition.

Memorial service held for vehicle operator

MOSUL, Iraq — Airman 1st Class Carl Anderson Jr. was remembered by his fellow Airmen and Soldiers in a memorial service here Sept. 3.

Anderson, the son of Reverend Carl and Doris Anderson of Georgetown, S.C., served as a vehicle operator for the 494th Aerospace Expeditionary Force Truck Company (732nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, Detachment 1) that was serving in Mosul. He died on Aug. 29, of injuries from a roadside bomb while conducting a convoy escort mission in northern Iraq.

"He was always a solid performer... courageous and committed to the mission," said Capt. Harley Smith, 494th AEF/TC commander, in his eulogy for Anderson. "He was an example to the Soldiers around him as he stoically performed his duties everyday."

Anderson entered the Air Force as a vehicle operator jour-



Air Force/Capt Shellie Russell

Lt. Col. Douglas Constant (left), 732nd Expeditionary Mission Support Group deputy commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Bob Gagnon, 732nd EMSG chief enlisted manager, render a solemn salute at a memorial service in honor of Airman 1st Class Carl L. Anderson, Jr.

neyman on July 3, 2001, after graduating from Georgetown High School. He completed his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and his advanced individual training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He was first assigned to the 3rd

Logistics Readiness Squadron at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, as a vehicle operator and dispatcher before being deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom II in June 2004.

"I can never express how much he meant to me or anyone

else that had the privilege to know him," said Senior Airman Charles Holley, 494th AEF/TC. "His good qualities could fill up this entire room, but the one that stands out was his ability to make a person laugh and feel good about themselves, that was the kind of person he was."

Anderson was born on Aug. 25, 1983, in South Carolina. He is survived by his parents, his older sister Carletta and his younger sister Kimaro.

The service concluded with a rifle salute and Taps. Soldiers and Airmen paid respect to their comrade by pausing at a memorial display in his honor. The display of a helmet and identification tags, signifying the fallen service member, combat boots, representing the final march of the last battle, and an inverted rifle with a bayonet, signifying a time for prayer and a break in the action to pay tribute has come to memorialize the service member's ultimate sacrifice.

Touring comics bring down Sustainer Theater

Balad fills house for a few laughs

Staff Sgt. Ryan Hansen

332nd Public Affairs

Airmen and Soldiers got a much-needed break Sept. 2 when the Comics On Duty World Tour performed at Logistic Support Area Anaconda's Sustainer Theater.

Comedians Danny Bevins, Curtis Fortier, Jim Labriola, Nathan Timmel and Drake Witham performed the final two shows of their tour at the theater after visiting five different locations in the AOR, performing two to three shows at each site.

"It was really good and really funny," said Senior Airman Aaron Surbaugh, 732nd Civil

Engineer Squadron, Detachment 6, who is deployed from Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. "It's really an impressive tour when you consider the amount of shows they've put on in such a short amount of time."

But for the comedians it wasn't about the number of stops, miles logged or conditions, it was all about the troops.

"It's almost too hard to put into words what it means to be here," said Jim Labriola, who made his name as a regular on the sitcom Home Improvement. "It just gives us great pride to do this for the troops, especially right here in the pits of where everything is happening."

"I came here wide-eyed and not really knowing what to expect," said Curtis Fortier. "But as it turns out, this has been one



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Ryan Hansen

Comedian Drake Witham was one of five performers touring the AOR.

of the greatest moments of my life."

While most of the comics didn't know what they would

see, Bevins had a good idea as a former Soldier.

"I was Airborne and my father was a green beret, so I jumped at the opportunity to come over and do this," said Danny Bevins. "The crowds have just been great."

The comedian's dedication and commitment to the troops was very evident throughout the shows and appreciated.

"I give them a lot of respect for coming here and performing for us," said Spc. Charles Howard, Alpha Company, 29th Signal Battalion. "There are a lot of others who could do the same, but just don't want to make the effort."

"Plus this really helps with morale," Spc. Howard continued. "It's a good break from the norm."

Former 332nd leader blazed trails

Pilot, war hero,
helped integrate
Army Air Corps

A. Joseph Muniz

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When President Franklin D. Roosevelt directed the War Department to establish a military flight training school for black pilots, he knew he had to select a leader cadets would be willing to follow.

Roosevelt said the leader would not only have to be educated, but a West Point graduate. To his surprise, he was told there was only one man who fit that mold, Benjamin O. Davis Jr.

To say Davis was born with military instincts would be an understatement. Born in 1912 to Captain Benjamin O. Davis Sr., who would later become the nation's first black general of the armed forces, he knew he wanted to not only follow in his father's foot steps, but he also wanted to fly.

When Illinois Representative Oscar De Priest offered to sponsor Davis to West Point, he immediately accepted knowing the school openly discouraged African-Americans from applying. Throughout his time there, he never had a roommate, nor did he ever dine with anyone.

But because of his class ranking, 35th out of more than 250, Davis got to choose what field he wanted to enter. He chose aviation, but was denied because it was unheard of for an African-American man, either commissioned or enlisted, to lead white troops and there were no black flying units in the Corps.

Davis was transferred to Fort Benning, Ga., where he led an all-black artillery regiment. After attending infantry school



he was sent to the Tuskegee Institute to be an instructor at their ROTC detachment.

When President Roosevelt established an aviation training program for black pilots, Davis was one of the first selected and was finally fulfilling his dream of flying. Later, more and more pilots would join him in Tuskegee as the program grew. The nucleus of the 99th Pursuit Squadron aviation program had an extended stay and continued to train at Tuskegee, but not because it took them longer to learn how to fly than their white counterparts. It was simply because the War Department had been reluctant to send them to war.

The War Department had to establish a flying squadron based on the President's orders, but they did not have to utilize them in any way. It was not until first lady Eleanor Roosevelt made a special visit to Tuskegee and inquired why they had not been sent off to fight for their country that the unit finally

receive orders to move overseas.

Now overseas with Davis leading the first all-black flying unit into combat, the Tuskegee Airmen would only see more hardships ahead. When they got to their destination they were so far from enemy action they had no chance of encountering Germans. Soon, Davis found himself defending his unit because his commander stated in reports to Washington, D.C., that the men of Davis' squadron lacked the "will" to fight and were disorganized and undisciplined.

After Davis convinced political leaders that the 99th Pursuit Squadron had the same track record as those of their counterparts, he was reassigned back to Tuskegee to organize and lead the 332nd Fighter Group.

When the Group met up with the 99th Fighter Squadron, Davis led the group on various missions until it was called upon to escort American bombers into Germany. This mission would later distinguish them from

other escort units because of their perfect record of not losing a single Bomber to enemy fire.

At the conclusion of the war, Davis was sent stateside to command the newly comprised 477th Composite Group and again the 332d Fighter Wing at Lockbourne AFB. Because the wing had started to take first place in many of the inter-service competitions, the newly formed United States Air Force decided as early as 1947 to integrate its ranks.

After General Davis did his part to integrate the Armed Forces, he retired in 1970 and was the African-American to hold the title of Major General and Lieutenant General in the Armed Forces. He continued to serve his country within the Nixon administration as the Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Environment, Safety and Consumer Affairs.

Fifty years after graduating from West Point, Davis returned to see the changes that had been made. As he walked by photographs of outstanding cadets he saw the class of 1936 was represented by just two photos: Gen. William C. Westmoreland, commander of American forces in Vietnam, and himself. Under his picture read: "World War Hero, Helped Integrate Air Force."

In 1998, Davis was awarded his fourth star by then-President Bill Clinton at a special Tuskegee Airmen ceremony.

Gen. Davis passed away on July 4, 2002 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center from complications of Alzheimer's disease. He was given a full military burial with Tuskegee Airmen served as honorary pallbearers. Fliers paid tribute to their fallen comrade with a missing man formation, traditionally reserved for military aviators killed in the line of duty.

AIRMEN-SOLDIERS

732nd ECES helping to build legacy

Tech Sgt. Brian Jones

332nd Public Affairs

Throughout Iraq, Airmen are working side-by-side with Soldiers often performing what have been traditionally considered Army jobs. Among those blazing a trail for this new culture of "Airmen-Soldiers" is the 732nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron.

More than 240 combat trained engineers are assigned to the 732nd ECES, which are broken into 10 detachments throughout the area of responsibility. Their specialties include fire fighting, utilities, heavy equipment operation and survey and design drafting.

The Air Force engineers, who are working with the Army, and in most instances in place of Army engineers, have had to adjust to a new mission many of them never thought would be required of Airmen.

"It really gives you a new perspective," said Tech. Sgt. Paul Tholen, 732nd ECES structural foreman deployed from Kadena Air Base, Japan. "I never expected to be on the front lines. Here, we are."

"A lot of Soldiers didn't even know the Air Force had engineers," said Tech. Sgt. Angel Montalvo, 732nd ECES NCO in charge of the heavy equipment section deployed from Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska.

Their mission often takes them "outside the wire." Airmen travel in convoys to work and to transport supplies. The engineers spent a month training on convoy operations and how to use various weapons prior to arriving at their AOR locations.



Air Force/Tech Sgt. Brian Jones



Airman 1st Class Jason Acklet (above), 732nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron heavy equipment operator, digs a trench and builds a berm. Staff Sgt. Camon Tucker, 732nd ECES heavy equipment operator (left), levels gravel before trailers can be positioned.

"When we go on the convoys the Soldiers respect you a little more," said Sergeant Tholen. "They know we're convoy trained. They know we're Airmen-Soldiers."

Beyond the confines of a protected base, 732nd engineers have helped Marines repair floating bridges and performed construction quality inspections on an Iraqi school and power lines in a local village.

However, much of what the Airmen do is in direct support of Army units.

"We're here to make life better for the Soldiers," said Senior Master Sgt. Eric Turner, 732nd ECES Detachment 6 chief of operations.

"It's a great feeling helping out our Soldiers," said Master Sgt. Stanley Brown, 732nd ECES Det. 10 superintendent deployed from Nellis AFB, Nev.

"I take my hat off to all the Airmen who are really embracing this mission. They are taking situations that are less than perfect and making them better."

Sergeant Brown recalls one instance when Air Force engineers improved the quality of life of Soldiers at Forward Operating Base Ashraf by getting their showers working.

"When we let everybody know the showers were up and running, they all clapped," said Sergeant Brown.

The engineers here are also lending a hand to the force protection effort. Heavy equipment operators have fortified mortar pits and dug 300 meters of trench and built an equal length of protective berm.

"They've never said no. They're chomping at the bit and asking for bigger jobs," said Lt. Col. Pete Ridilla, 732nd ECES Det. 6 commander. "They are completing jobs that are protecting everybody here and at the same time making Soldier's lives better."

When their six-month rotation here ends sometime in November, the 732nd ECES will have added their chapter to the early history of the Airmen-Soldiers and will be armed with experiences to pass on to other Air Force engineers about combat and joint service operations.

"Whenever we exercise and practice our wartime skills it's really going to hit home," said Sergeant Tholen.

"We are really working together," said Sergeant Brown. "We've developed some close relationships and are building a bridge of respect between the services."



MIRROR IMAGE

Twins stick together, even on deployment

Capt. Shellie L. Russell

332nd Public Affairs

For the past month, the folks at Balad Air Base have been seeing double. Staff Sergeants Sharon and Lerinda Carle's family and friends have been seeing double for 22 years.

Ever since these identical twins joined the Air Force two weeks after graduating high school in Silverton, Idaho, their careers have almost modeled each other. They went to basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, followed by technical school at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., for their identical Air Force Speciality Code, vehicle operator/dispatcher.

After technical school, they finally did something they hadn't until then – move apart. While Lerinda headed east to the 43rd Logistics Readiness Squadron at Pope AFB, N.C., Sharon took a hop across the Atlantic to join the 31st LRS at Aviano AB, Italy.

Although they kept in contact, it took a war to bring them back together. And, it's just like they were never apart.

"I remember when we first found out Staff Sgt. Carle's (Sharon's) sister was coming in to replace us. It was right around the time we were sending our first group of troops home. We asked her if she would like to go home, and she said, 'NO! I want to be here for my sister!'," said 1st Lt. Gina Ortiz, executive officer for the 2632nd Air Expeditionary Force Truck Company (732nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, Detachment 2), deployed from Grand Forks AFB, N.D.

Their togetherness is obvious when you're around them. They have bubbly personalities that fill an entire room, and then some. They finish each other's sentences. Well, Sharon does most of the talking, while they sit with their legs propped up on each other. Lerinda may be quieter, a little. She's definitely not overpowered by

her "little" sis' though.

Sharon arrived in Balad first in late March following more training at Ft. Leonard Wood and live-fire training in theater. Although she could have been assigned as an Airman-Soldier providing security for convoys, she's quite satisfied that her duties have kept her "inside the wire."

"My family and fiancé were relieved," she said.

She's been working long hours outside performing several primary duties. She's in the arrival/departure aerial cargo group which transports pallets that were removed from cargo aircraft to logistical staging areas throughout Balad AB and Logistics Support Area Anaconda. She's also been an escort for local nationals, ensured the farmers cut the grass and pick up the trash along the fenceline as well as worked with the irrigators cleaning the drains.

The hardest part of her first deployment is missing her fiancé, Staff Sgt. Jeffrey DesJardins, who is deployed to Afghanistan. They've been engaged since Jan. 22, but she hasn't been able to meet his family yet since

her deployment training began in February. Harder yet, is that as close as these twins are, Lerinda hasn't met DesJardins either. The first time they'll meet may be for the wedding, which is being postponed until Lerinda returns from her deployment sometime next Spring.

Lerinda's just starting this deployment, but she set a few firsts for the twins as well. She's already done a deployment in Iraq last year. She's also left the wire on convoys, where they were fired on and the possibility of an improvised explosive device was always present. Now she's operating heavy equipment and driving trucks just as Sharon did as part of the ADACG. Her biggest concern for this deployment is not the risk of injury on the job or insurgent attacks on the base. No, the hardest thing for her is missing her 2-year old daughter, MaKayla.

"I worry she won't remember me," Lerinda said.

She missed MaKayla's birthday during pre-deployment training this summer. She missed her first birthday last year when she was deployed to Kirkuk. Although she's been through this before, she's just like all the moms and dads away from their children, worried, but know it's for a good cause.

They both understand these sacrifices. They also understand the gravity of their jobs and the mission.

"We're in the limelight...the Air Force working for the Army," Sharon explained.

That's fine with them, but they are interested in cross-training and plan to get involved in more traditional Air Force assignments in the future.

Will this career change take these twins in diverging directions? Not likely. They both want to get into the medical field and are hoping to become nursing assistants. But don't be surprised if you see this mirror image in the same zip code again soon.



Air Force/Capt. Shellie Russell

Staff Sergeants and twin sisters, Sharon and Lerinda Carle.

Defense briefs —

Air Force helps Russian victims

VLADIKAVKAZ, Russia — Two C-130 crews from Ramstein Air Base, Germany, flew medical and humanitarian supplies here Monday.

The crews dropped off approximately 36,000 pounds of medical and humanitarian supplies for use by relief agencies in the treatment and support for the hundreds of victims after the recent terrorist act in Beslan, Russia.

"I spoke to the Russian interpreter and he was very thankful that we made the journey over here," said Lt. Col. Richard L. Galante, 38th Airlift Squadron commander.

The humanitarian supplies included sheets, blankets, medicine, burn kits, bandages and dressings, as well as specialized medical equipment.

Combined Federal Campaign underway

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The 2004-2005 Combined Federal Campaign began Sept. 1 in the continental United States and runs through Dec. 15. Overseas, the campaign runs Oct. 1 through Dec. 15.

Exact dates and campaign goals are established in each geographic area by the local federal coordinating committee and are available through the installation CFC project officers.

Last year, federal workers reached into their pockets to donate nearly \$250 million during the campaign.

Airmen earn combat patch



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Dennis J. Henry Jr.

Tallil Air Base, Iraq — Lt. Col. Irving Donaldson, 369th Corps Support Battalion commander, and Capt. Kerry Colburn, 439th Air Expeditionary Force Petroleum Oil and Lubricants company commander, deployed from Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, present Tech Sgt. David Laun, 439th AEF/POL, deployed from Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, the 13th COSCOM shoulder sleeve insignia for wartime service. This insignia, known to Soldiers and Airmen as the combat patch is authorized for wear on the uniform when Soldiers and Airmen serve 30 days or longer in a war zone.

Marines, Sailors reconstruct war-torn Najaf, Kufa

American Forces Press Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The Iraqi cities of Najaf and Kufa bustle with activity as Iraqis and U.S. Marines and sailors work together on reconstruction efforts started after fighting in the cities ceased Aug. 28.

Iraqi citizens, government leaders, security forces and reconstruction and cleanup workers are joining in the effort to re-establish a normal life for the cities' citizens and improve infrastructure to its pre-fighting condition, U.S. military officials said.

At the request of local leaders, explosive ordnance disposal Marines continue to assist Iraqi police, National Guardsmen and two battalions of Iraqi intervention forces to clear weapons caches and improvised explosive devices hidden by militia loyal to radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr in the holy Wadi al-Salem cemetery and Old City. Some 240 IEDs have been discovered and disabled in

the sacred site and along roads in the Old City, officials said.

Iraqi security forces report that locals and cemetery caretakers have voluntarily joined in the clean-up effort, moving weapons caches alongside the cemetery's roads for easy pick-up by Iraqi forces. Weapons and ammunition continue to be uncovered in buildings surrounding the shrine and in a large parking garage west of it.

Iraqi security forces also continue to maintain an active security presence in the cities. Iraqi National Guardsmen and police man vehicle checkpoints as other policemen patrol the cities and conduct cordon-and-knock operations to find and confiscate illegal weapons and ammunition caches.

The 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit has resumed training Iraqi National Guardsmen in Najaf and also is conducting presence patrols around the two cities to identify areas in need of reconstruction and to monitor the

progress of projects already under way.

Civil affairs Marines and Soldiers attached to the MEU continue to work closely with the governor's office to identify future projects and critical services in need of restoration and to procure funding for them. Projects are making headway while construction efforts are in full swing, officials said.

For more than a week, eight clean-up crews have made a difference around the streets of the Imam Ali Shrine and Old City as they methodically clear rubble and trash from the streets in the neighborhood.

Funding for these projects was received from the Commanders Emergency Response Program. CERP funds come from a U.S. congressional appropriation to the Defense Department to pay for collateral damage caused by combat operations and to fund other humanitarian and reconstruction projects.

Information systems keep our computers going

Capt. Eric Garcia
332nd ECS

You don't know what you've got, until it's gone, and that stands true when you lose access to e-mail and internet connectivity.

Providing reliable communications to our customers is the number one priority at the 332nd Expeditionary Communication Squadron's information systems flight.

Unfortunately, when operating in an austere environment, seamless connectivity may not always be available, outages can, and will occur.

Although many of us have experience with base network usage, both at home and deployed, we want to highlight the approved process for troubleshooting connectivity problems as well as outline some network usage "do's" and "don'ts."

Your first resource in solving



network connectivity problems is your unit workgroup manager. They are skilled technicians who are responsible for maintaining proper connectivity within your respective building to include all NIPRnet and SIPRnet workstations.

Although the ECS is equipped with a troubleshooting help desk, it is designed to work hand-in-hand with your workgroup manager.

Do's of Network Usage

- Use your workgroup manager, they are the experts.

- Be cognizant of your mailbox size limits. Users are allowed 50MB. Regular maintenance will prevent your box from being inaccessible to incoming/outgoing mail.

- Report any security violations or suspicious activity to your workgroup manager.

- Take appropriate steps to safeguard classified/sensitive information.

- Be patient. Our helpdesk is responsible for more than 2,500 users. We will always work our hardest to solve your problems.

Don'ts of Network Usage:

- Don't send sensitive information to family or friends that may compromise OPSEC or COMSEC.

- Don't use your account for personal or financial gain.

- Don't give your network password to anyone over the phone or e-mail.

- Don't surf inappropriate

sites or store inappropriate material on your computer.

- Don't allow family or friends to send inappropriate material to your account.

- Don't participate in non-DOD chat lines or chat groups.

- Don't store or process classified information on a system that is not approved for classified processing.

For further guidance, please refer to AFI33-119 and AFI33-129 which govern e-mail and internet usage.

Our goal is to ensure you have reliable e-mail and internet connectivity. By following a few simple rules and procedures, you can ensure you will retain the capability to access your e-mail and the internet.

More importantly, following these guidelines will ensure you have access to the critical network connectivity that allows you to do your mission.

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PUBLIC HEALTH NOTE

"Public Health Note" is a column that answers frequently asked public health questions. Submit questions to public.health@BLAB.aorcentaf.af.mil.

Q: I just arrived to Balad AB, and I'm concerned that I didn't accomplish all the necessary medical requirements to help keep me healthy during my stay. How can I ensure that I have met all these medical requirements?

A: Well, first you should have been issued a few things in preparation for your deployment before you left your home base. You should have been given three tubes of insect repellent called DEET. You also should have been issued Permethrin Spray, a repellent treatment for your uniform. You should have a Permethrin treated bed net, as well as at least three treated uniforms. Do not fret if you do not have these items. Just contact your unit supply representative and they can take care of you. In addition to the above items, you should have received immunizations and malaria chemoprophylaxis prior to departing your home base. If you are unsure whether or not you are current, or if you never received your malaria pills, all these issues can be handled at the 332d Expeditionary Medical Support Clinic.

T-Town Chapel Schedule

Sundays:

Protestant Religious Education, 8 a.m.
Protestant Worship, 9 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Catholic Mass, 10:30 a.m.
LDS Sacrament meeting, 7 p.m.
LDS S.S., 8 p.m.

Mondays:

Catholic Mass, 7 p.m.

Tuesdays:

Catholic Mass, 7 p.m.
Catholic Discussion Group, 8 p.m.

Wednesdays:

Catholic Mass, 11 a.m.
Purpose Driven Life, 8 p.m.

Thursday:

LDS Study Group – 7 p.m.

Friday:

Catholic Mass – 5:30 p.m.
Women's Fellowship – 7 p.m.

Saturday:

Catholic Reconciliation/Confession – 12:15-12:30 p.m., or appointment
Catholic Mass – 12:30 p.m.
Protestant Communion – 7 p.m.

Daily:

Band of Brothers (Men's Fellowship), 8:30 p.m.
Christian Prayer, 9 p.m.

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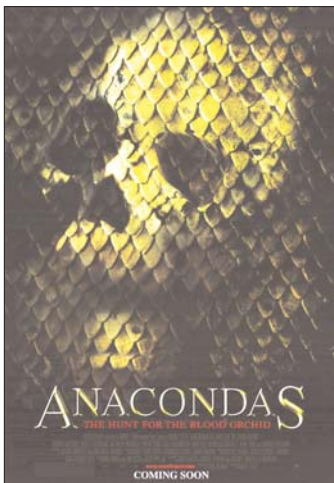
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Each week, the Red Tail Flyer staff will take a photo from around Balad. If you can identify the object or item, shoot us an e-mail at redtailflyer@blab.aorcentaf.af.mil with identify This! in the subject block. The first person who sends in the correct answer wins a prize and will get their name printed in this publication. Congratulations to the 1st Lt. Erik Dries, 332nd Expeditionary Communications Squadron, for identifying last week's closeup of a water bottle.

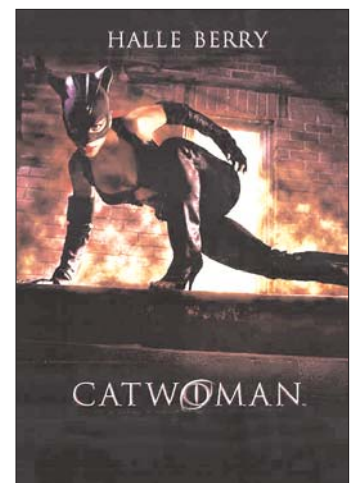


Sustainer Movie Schedule

Schedule is subject to change



Today	Blood Orchid	9 p.m. - A Cinderella Story
3 p.m. - Anacondas:	6 p.m. - A Cinderella Story	
Blood Orchid	9 p.m. - Sleepover	
6 p.m. - Anacondas:		Wednesday
Blood Orchid		3 p.m. - Catwoman
9 p.m. - Anacondas:	Monday	6 p.m. - Anacondas:
Blood Orchid	3 p.m. - A Cinderella Story	Blood Orchid
	6 p.m. - Spider Man	9 p.m. - Sleepover
Saturday	2	
3 p.m. - Catwoman	9 p.m. - Catwoman	Thursday
6 p.m. - Anacondas:		3 p.m. - A Cinderella Story
Blood Orchid	Tuesday	6 p.m. - Catwoman
9 p.m. - A Cinderella Story	3 p.m. - Anacondas:	9 p.m. - Anacondas:
	Blood Orchid	Blood Orchid
Sunday	6 p.m. - Catwoman	
3 p.m. - Anacondas:		



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